Raising of Production of Crude Petroleum

*311. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of crude petroleum proposed to be imported during 1996-97 and the total estimated cost thereof, in both dollars and rupees;

(b) the total estimated raising of crude petroleum in the country in the same period; and

(c) the proportion of the estimated raising is likely to be of the total annual installed capacity for crude petroleum production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Total volume of crude oil import during 1996-97 is estimated at 33.15 million tonnes. The oil import bill both in terms of dollars and rupees depends upon prices of imported crude oil and petroleum products prevailing in the international market and exchange rate prevailing between dollar and Indian rupee.

(b) and (c): The crude oil production during the year 1996-97 is estimated to be about 33.62 MMT. The concept of installed capacity is not applicable to an oil field, as the production capacity depends upon factors like exploitable reserves available, permitted production potential based on reservoir considerations, exploitation strategy, dcvclopmental/infrastructural facilities created for exploitation of the field etc.

Southern Gas Grid Project

*312. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI JOY NADUKKARA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern Gas Grid Project is still pending;

(b) what are the details of the project; and

(c) whether any time frame is fixed to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Southern States have completed the pre-feasibility study for the projects. The feasibility of importing gas from Oman and Iran and the feasibility of importing LNG for the Southern States is under study. The project will be implemented when sufficient gas/LNG is available.

Central Assistance for Calcutta

*313. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance allocated for Calcutta under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega cities; and

(b) whether the fund has since been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATES-WARLU): (a) and (b) The details of amount of Central assistance allocated and released to Calcutta under the Centrally sponsored scheme of